

# MANITOBA CROPS.

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## THE CROP OF 1876.

It was our intention to have presented full reports of the crop prospects throughout the Province about the middle of August, but many causes have contributed to prevent our doing so until after the harvest, and they may now be discussed in the full light of the process of threshing and obtaining the first exact returns, which we hope our friends will be good enough to furnish for publication. In the meantime we wish to express our thanks to the various gentlemen who kindly took so much pains, often at great loss of time, in collecting the necessary data for this summary.

It will be seen by these returns, gathered simultaneously in thirty-four different settlements by intelligent farmers, who in some cases spent days in inspection before summing up their conclusions, that the famous average of Manitoba's growth has been somewhat lessened by various causes, some local and some general, but mostly peculiar to this year. The unusually heavy rains of the late season have done their share, especially on low lands selected last year—an average season; whereas this has been the wettest known since 1869. Another cause by which the average has suffered materially is the sowing on a first ploughing, as done often by new settlers rather than await the slow process of rotting the sod; the half crop grown is, however, better than none at all, and will go far towards provisioning those settlers' families for the winter. The loss by the depredations of black birds in some neighborhoods suggests an enquiry into a means for their destruction. Another cause strongly felt in some places is from old and deteriorated seed, it being remarked that where new seed was used the difference was easily perceptible.

These returns are interesting also, as showing the remarkable evenness of the productive quality of the land and its capacity for producing what would be considered most surprising returns elsewhere under such special disadvantages as ruled this season. We have great cause to thank the Almighty Giver of every good that just now when our commercial interests are so heavily pressed by isolation that another year's loss of crops might have blotted our future for the next decade, and our specially burdensome titles of reserved lands and unsettled titles combine to check immigration and prevent development, our land should be so signalized by abundant crops, while throughout the continent the contrary result has been so general. Just now when it seems so distinctly marked that the middle and eastern States and Ontario are becoming less reliable for agriculture, the endless virgin lands of our North-West are becoming known as specially productive wheat fields, and may be offered to their people for settlement on condition, only, of building railroads to reach them by.

## AVERAGE PRODUCT PER ACRE.

### SETTLEMENTS ON RED RIVER.

	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Peas.	Potatoes.	Turnips.
Emerson,	25	40	50	25	200	
Whitehaven, (Plum Creek)	35	40	50	35	200	400
Scratching River,	25	40	40	25	200	
Union Point,	30	50		25		400
St. Vital &						
St. Norbert,	35	45	60	30	100	
Kildonan,	30	45	50	30	200	
S St. Andrew's,	30	40	45	20	250	
N St. Andrew's	30	30	28	32		
St. Clement's	35	50	55	40	300	
St. Peter's,	35	50	55	40	300	

### SETTLEMENTS ON THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER.

St. James,	10	45	50	30	250	
St. Charles,	30	40	50	30	250	
Headingly,	30	45	60	20	150	100
S. F. Xavier,	36	35	50	40		500
Baie St Paul,	40	50	65	40	200	
Poplar Point,	35	40	55	22	300	
High Bluff,	35	40	55	22	200	
Portage la Prairie,	30	40	40	30	250	

### SETTLEMENTS ON WHITE MUD RIVER,

Totogon,	35	45	50	35	400	1000
Woodside,	35	40	60	30	400	1000
Westbourne,	36	40	60	40	150	
Palestine,	35		55	25	200	

### OUTLYING PRAIRIE SETTLEMENTS EAST OF RED RIVER.

Springfield,	28	30	45	25	300	700
Prairie Grove	35	50	50	40	350	
Sunnyside &						
Cook's Creek,	35	40	50		200	
Rosseau,	30	40	60	30	300	

### OUTLYING PRAIRIE SETTLEMENTS NORTH OF ASSINIBOINE RIVER.

Rockwood,						
Victoria &						
Grasshene,	25	55	40	20	250	500
Greenwood,	30	40	50	30	350	
Tp. 15, R. 1 E., 45						
Woodlands &						
Meadow Lea,	30	35	50	20	200	
Ossowa,	20	25	25		140	

### OUTLYING PRAIRIE SETTLEMENTS SOUTH OF ASSINIBOINE RIVER.

Pembina Mt.	35	50	20	150	
Boyne River,	38	60	60	30	300

### REMARKS.

EMERSON.—Later growth here much retarded by heavy rains, and a local hailstorm which battered grain down; about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of whole area sown on the fresh soil, and produced 18 to 20 bus. per acre.

WHITEHAVEN.—Being a young settlement and crops sown on new ploughed land this average is very satisfactory.

SCRATCHING RIVER.—Crops mostly on new ploughed land, its average however is about 15 to 18 per acre.

KILDONAN.—Loss of average here owing to rust and mildew; rains very heavy in latter part of season.

S. ST. ANDREW'S.—Wheat light, and all crops shrunken from effect of unusually heavy rains in August.

N. ST. ANDREW'S.—Average below ordinary season. Harvest very wet and trying. Roots will still increase in product.

ST. CLEMENT'S & ST. PETER'S.—Wheat and barley suffered from wet season still average will likely be higher than given.

ST. JAMES.—Great loss here from lodging, samples inferior and somewhat shrunken by extreme wet weather.

HEADINGLY.—Barley and wheat will be poor color, but all grain heavy. Root crops

